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TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Irvin Corley, Jr., Director *ICJ.*
Anne Marie Langan, Deputy Director *AML*

DATE: June 9, 2008

RE: Council Resolution to Transfer Funds to Workforce Development for Jobs
for Youth

On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, City Council passed the attached resolution, which asks that the Budget Director transfer surplus funds of \$750,000 from the City Council's 2007-2008 budget to Workforce Development specifically to cover costs of a youth jobs program. These funds would be used in conjunction with the \$250,000 in Block Grant funds that are currently in the process of being shifted from economic development to public service so they can be used for this purpose.

Our office requested and received from the Budget Director a copy of the Budget Department's surplus/deficit projection through the third quarter of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. We have analyzed that along with the financial data from the city's financial system and concur that Council should end the current year with a \$600,000 appropriation surplus.

The Administration has suggested that \$270,000 is needed to cover the expenditures made in Workforce Development last summer regarding the same jobs for youth program. It seems that the Administration would be willing to allow a budget appropriation transfer to Workforce Development of \$270,000 from the \$600,000 surplus in Council's 2007-2008 budget. However, Fiscal is unclear if general funds can cover these expenditures prior to an official audit finding, which has not yet officially been determined. We would like the Administration to respond to that concern.

As for the program this summer, the Budget Director has said that first, any general fund dollars transferred to Workforce Development can only be used to cover the wages of those working directly for the city, stipends for jobs in other companies cannot be

covered with general fund appropriations. Secondly, the Budget Director has said that the funds to be transferred need to be part of the 2008-2009 budget as that is the year in which the expenditures shall be incurred. So she is reluctant to approve a transfer from 2007-2008 to cover costs in 2008-2009.

Council may want to consider the following scenario. First, pass a resolution asking the Budget Director, to agree to balance forward \$330,000 into Council's 2008-2009 budget for the purpose of creating a budget amendment transfer to Workforce Development. Second, Council may wish to consider transferring \$21,625 from each of the councilmembers' appropriations for a total of \$173,000 in the 2008-2009 budget to Workforce Development. These appropriations were originally part of the budget request, reduced by the Budget Department because it was greater than what was currently budgeted, and then subsequently restored during Council's budget deliberations. The \$330,000 plus the \$173,000 and the \$250,000 that is currently being programmed would total \$753,000 that would be available for the upcoming program.

Attached are some resolutions for Council's consideration that would move each of the two scenarios described above to completion.

Again, Fiscal has stated repeated concerns that overall the general fund is still showing an accumulated prior years' deficit. The Budget Department vouched all during budget deliberations that the accumulated deficit would be gone by this June 30. Fiscal has projected that the current year will have an operational surplus, but that disappears in Fiscal's projections when the prior years' deficits are considered. So, based on Fiscal's current year projection and Budget's prior years' projections, there may be a surplus.

Council should agree to transfer the funds to handle last year's program shortfall, if the Administration agrees to carry forward the remaining appropriation surpluses from the current year for this coming job program.

Council may wish to meet with the Administration on this matter.

Also attached is the correspondence between the City Planning Commission, Planning and Development Department and Workforce Development regarding the reprogramming of the \$250,000 in Block Grant funds that will be used this summer for the jobs for youth program.

Let us know if additional information is needed

Attachments

cc: Council Divisions
Pamela Scales, Budget Director
Douglass Diggs, Director –PDD
Lucius Vassar, Director – Workforce Development
Sharon McPhail, Mayor's General Counsel
Kerwin Wimberley, Mayor's Office

By Councilmember _____:

Whereas, the Detroit City Council wishes to be a partner in the Administration's laudable work of providing jobs for youth, and

Whereas, the program costs for last summer resulted in \$270,000 that is not reimbursable through either Workforce Development grant funds or Block Grant funds, and

Whereas, the Detroit City Council's budget is projected to surplus by \$600,000 this year, then therefore be it

Resolved that \$270,000 from Appropriation 00269 City Legislative Functions, be transferred to the 2007-2008 Detroit Workforce Development budget for the purpose of covering costs from last summer's jobs for youth program.

By Councilmember _____:

Whereas, the Detroit City Council wishes to be a partner in the Administration's laudable work of providing jobs for youth this coming summer, and

Whereas, the Detroit City Council's budget is projected to surplus by \$600,000 in 2007-2008, and

Whereas, the Detroit City Council has directed the Budget Director to transfer \$270,000 to Detroit Workforce Development for 2007-2008, leaving a \$330,000 difference, then therefore be it

Resolved that \$330,000 from Appropriation 00269 in fiscal year 2007-2008, be authorized by the Budget Director to be carried forward into 2008-2009 for the sole purpose of transferring the appropriations to Detroit Workforce Development for the jobs for youth program.

By Councilmember _____:

Whereas, the Detroit City Council wishes to be a partner in the Administration's laudable work of providing jobs for youth this coming summer, and

Whereas, the Detroit City Councilmembers' budgets for 2008-2009 had some funding restored during budget deliberations, then therefore be it

Resolved that from City Council's 2008-2009 budget that \$19,224 from Appropriation 00269, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00923, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00924, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00925, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00926, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00927, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00928, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00929, \$19,222 from Appropriation 00930, for a total of \$173,000 be authorized to be transferred to the Detroit Workforce Development Agency by the Budget Director for the 2008-2009 Budget for the sole purpose of transferring the appropriations to Detroit Workforce Development for the jobs for youth program.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$750,000.00 OF UNEXPENDED BUDGET FROM
THE 2007-8 COUNCIL BUDGET TO DETROIT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT (DWDD) FOR SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH 14 – 17 IN 2008

By Council Members Jo Ann Watson, Barbara Rose Collins, Brenda Jones, Kwame
Kenyatta, Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, Martha Reeves, Sheila Cockrel
June 3, 2008

- Whereas Budget Director Pamela Scales has stated that the 2007-8 budget year will
Not end in deficit, and
- Whereas The Detroit City Council unexpended budget for 2007-8 is projected to be
In excess of \$1 million dollars, then therefore be it
- Resolved That \$750,000 be appropriated from the Council unexpended budget of
2007-8 to Detroit Workforce Development Department to cover the
amount needed for 1,500 summer youth jobs if the “No Deficit” position
is confirmed.

J.C.C. 6/3/08

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29 May 2008

Nellie Jenkins-Kendrick, Deputy Director
Detroit Workforce Development Department
707 W. Milwaukee Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202

FAX: 664-5505

RE: \$250,000 in CDBG funds programmed to DWDD for youth summer job program

Dear Ms. Jenkins-Kendrick:

This letter confirms that \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (public service) is appropriated for a Detroit Workforce Development Department youth summer job program.

Attached, please find the May 20, 2008 letter from City Planning Commission (CPC) Director, Marcell R. Todd, Jr. to Planning and Economic Development Department (P&DD) Director, Douglass Diggs. In the fourth paragraph you will note the CPC's recommendation and Council's support for the \$250,000 in CDBG public service funds to be spent in 2008 for a youth summer jobs program through DWDD.

Also attached you will see P&DD's notice published in the *Michigan Chronicle* (May 14-20, 2008) indicating the change to the HUD Consolidated Plan.

In the event of any question, feel free to contact me at (313) 224-3219.

Sincerely,


M. Rory Bolger, Deputy Director

Attachments

cc: Council Member JoAnn Watson

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May 20, 2008

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Detroit, MI 48226

**RE: Reprogramming: Economic Development funding from 2007-2008 for
Architectural Salvage Warehouse, Greening of Detroit, and City Council
Youth Employment Program**

Dear Mr. Diggs:

The City Planning Commission (CPC) staff respectfully requests the Planning and Development Department to authorize the reprogramming of \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

These funds were allocated in 2007-2008 for Economic Development activities for the following: Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit - \$125,000; Greening of Detroit - \$125,000, and City Council Youth Employment Program - \$500,000.

On Friday, May 16, 2008, CPC staff recommended and City Council supported that both the \$125,000 for Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit and \$125,000 for Greening of Detroit be reprogrammed from Economic Development to Public Service to allow for the groups to receive a contract in July.

CPC staff also recommended and City Council supported that the \$500,000 for the Youth Employment Program be reprogrammed as follows: \$250,000 Public Service to be spent in 2008 for a youth summer jobs program through the Detroit Workforce Development Department; and \$250,000 for the Office of Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (ONCR) job creation activities for Detroit nonprofit organizations needing extra Public Facility Rehab funding. Unfortunately, our office understands the entire \$500,000 cannot be reprogrammed for summer jobs, because of the 15% public service cap.

We request that your department initiate an amendment to the Consolidated Plan for the stated purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcell R. Todd, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Marcell R. Todd, Jr., Director

cc: City Council Members
Thomasina Tucker, P&DD
Fern Clement, P&DD
Warren T. Duncan, P&DD

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE
HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Detroit proposes to amend its HUD Consolidated Plan as follows:

- Decrease the Block Grant appropriation for City Council Youth Employment Program, Economic Development by \$500,000.
- Decrease the Block Grant appropriation for Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit, Economic Development by \$125,000.
- Decrease the Block Grant appropriation for Greening of Detroit, Economic Development by \$125,000.
- Increase the Block Grant appropriation for Detroit Workforce Development Department Youth Summer Job Program, Public Service by \$250,000.
- Increase the Block Grant appropriation for Office of Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization, Economic Development by \$250,000.
- Increase the Block Grant appropriation for Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit Youth Employment Program, Public Service by \$125,000.
- Increase the Block Grant appropriation for Greening of Detroit Youth Employment Program, Public Service by \$125,000.

Note: Funds being reprogrammed were allocated in prior Community Development Block Grant years.

Persons or organizations wishing to comment on this proposed change may transmit such comments in writing, in person, or by telephone to the Planning & Development Department at the address below:

City of Detroit
Planning and Development Department
Varren T. Duncan
Grants Management Section
200 Cadillac Tower Building
Detroit, MI 48226
telephone: (313) 224-0315

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